



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q62106

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING  
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,  
AND USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the previously filed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for  
Applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed October 1, 2003, please also include the  
amendments identified on the accompanying pages.

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